



Synonyms and Antonyms

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fix the Sentence

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Rewrite: _____

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Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

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2. The horses began to _____ across the open meadow when they saw the trainer.
3. The redwood trees in the forest are _____, towering hundreds of feet above us.
4. The athlete had to _____ to the finish line to win the close race.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

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Rewrite: The racehorse will gallop down the track when the gate opens.

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Rewrite: The new stadium was a colossal structure that held 80,000 fans.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. She did not want to wake the baby, so she spoke in a soft whisper to her sister.
2. The horses began to gallop across the open meadow when they saw the trainer.
3. The redwood trees in the forest are tremendous, towering hundreds of feet above us.
4. The athlete had to sprint to the finish line to win the close race.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Explain how the synonyms whisper, murmur, and mumble share a shade of meaning.

All three synonyms describe quiet speech, but each has its own nuance: whisper is intentionally soft and breathy, murmur is a low continuous sound, and mumble suggests unclear, mushy speech.

2. Why might a writer choose colossal instead of big when describing a mountain?

Colossal carries a stronger, more dramatic connotation than big. It suggests something so immense it inspires awe, making the description of the mountain feel grander and more powerful.
